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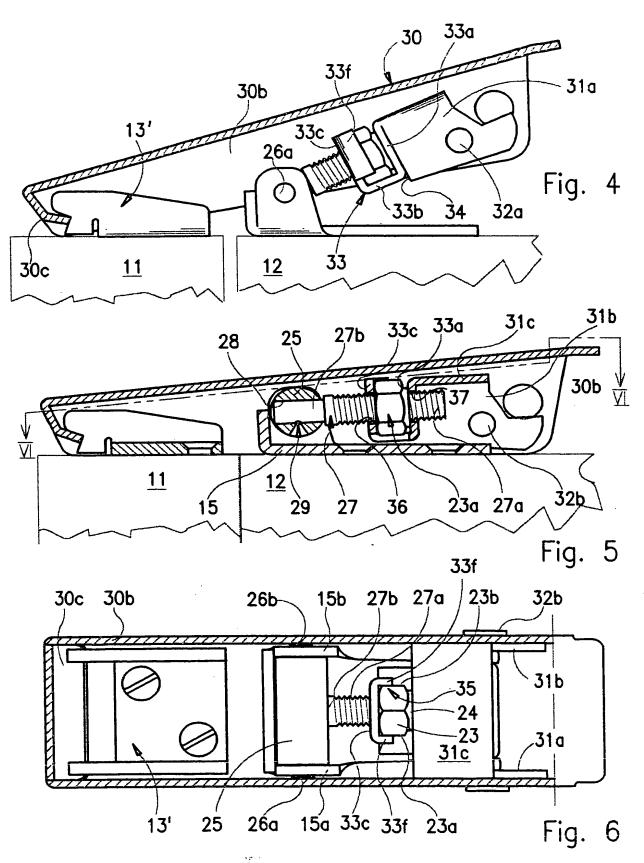
- A retainer for an adjustment device for an over-centre fastener for securing and clamping two parts (11, 12) together by applying a pulling force between said parts by means of a lever (30), said adjustment device including an externally threaded member (27a) and an internally threaded member (23) rotatable relative to one another, said internally threaded member being a conventional lock nut (23) having a friction increasing insert (24) and being unrotationally held by a structure (31, 33) movable with the lever (30), characterized in that said structure is a bent sheet metal structure (31, 33) having a generally inverted U-shaped portion including opposed flange portions (31a, 31b) and a web portion (31c), the flange portions being linked to a respective flange portion (30a, 30b) of the lever (30) and the web portion (31c) carrying an integral extension (33), a first portion (33a) of said extension being bent at substantially 90° so as to extend along and abut a respective forwardly directed edge (34) of the flange portions (30a, 30b), a second portion (33b) of said extension being bent at 90° in relation to the first portion, and a third portion (33c) of said extension being further bent at 90° in relation to the second portion (33b); flap portions (33f) originally extending in opposite directions from the third portion (33c) being bent towards the first portion (33a) so as to be mutually parallel, thus forming a nut retaining pocket (35).
- 2. The retainer according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance between the flap portions (33f) is slightly greater than the width between opposed surfaces (23a, 23b) of a lock nut (23) received within the pocket (35) so as to unrotationally keep the nut therein.

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3. The retainer according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the holes (36, 37) for the threaded portion (27a) of the stem (27) are provided in the third and first portions (33c, 33a) of the extension (33).

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